

**Regional Task Force on the Homeless Board Meeting
Summary of Decisions and Discussion**

Friday June 20, 2003

For attendance, please see Roster on back page.

Victor Kops, RTFH Chair called the meeting to order.

- 1. Review of Decisions of May 23, 2003 meeting:** A motion was made to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved.

- 2. Chair's Report**

- A. Vic Kops gave a brief history on migrant farm workers and day laborers issues. He also informed the board about the different informational handouts available at the meeting. Vic referred to the two conferences the Task Force has hosted on farm workers and day laborers issues. Vic stated that he hoped that last year's meeting created interest and awareness in the community. Vic introduced Patti Hamic-Christensen of Community Housing Works (formerly Community Housing of North County). Patti provided handouts and reported on the history of Community Housing Works working with farm workers. She explained about initial HUD grants, which were meant to address farm worker issues. She said that they were geared more to families living in encampment areas and not necessarily for single adults, who make up the largest part of the farm worker population. Patti also discussed an emergency relief effort for 300 families who lost use of the property they were on including losing many of their personal belongings. Community Housing Works and other agencies assisted in replacing items (blankets, clothing, ect) for the farm workers. Patti stated that the community now has realized that there is a need for housing unaccompanied male farm workers. With the interest and concern of Carlsbad Officer Keith Blackburn and others, the Carlsbad City Council became more involved in trying to plan housing for unaccompanied male farm workers in their area. Patti stated that the Carlsbad City Council passed a motion in February to support development of a study for 150 beds for unaccompanied male farm worker. Patti said that an RFQ Proposal went out but unfortunately there were no responses. It was felt that with the amount of expense and time involved it seemed difficult for any agency to commit to the project. Patti said a Task Force was then formed to continue to work on how to address the issues of the farm workers. The Task Force developed and administered a survey to growers and farm workers. The survey was meant to collect information on the housing and other needs of the unaccompanied male farm worker. Patti said the results were quite interesting as they pointed out how farm workers generally pay more than the average citizen for various services i.e. transportation, food, security and getting checks cashed. She also said that some growers who own their land provide housing for their farm workers. Patti stated in planning this project the Task Force made visits to other Counties with similar issues. They went to Napa and Sonoma Counties where a farm worker housing program already exists. Patti stated that the study is scheduled to be presented to the Carlsbad City Council in July without a identifying a location. Vic Kops suggested a letter of support be written to the Carlsbad City Council and their Planning Commission. A motion to send letter of support on the importance of this project was approved.
- B. Vic asked to change October Board Meeting from Oct 17 to Oct 24 since there is a conflict for that day. The motion was approved

- 3. Project Director's Report**

- A. Shari Dogbo stated there have been a growing number of near/ and or homeless seniors. She felt part of the reasoning is social security and other income is not keeping up with the high cost of living. Shari reported the new 200 unit Senior Housing, "Market Square Manor" is now accepting applications. She

also reported that 75 applicants have already met requirements and have been approved. There are another 75 in the reviewing and processing stages. Applicants must be 62 years old or older. There are currently 25 units for special needs referrals. Shari said the facility would have two on site managers, a recreation and multipurpose room, and a library with internet access. She also stated the seniors will get two meals a day and can purchase a third meal prepared in the new kitchen. Also with the new kitchen more seniors can be served per day thru out the other centers. Shari reported she will be the Senior Service Coordinator for Market Square Manor and about a month after everyone has settled in, they will take a survey to find out the current service needs of the residents. They are looking at collaborations with physical and mental health providers.

- B. Vic introduced Patricia Leslie of the Regional Continuum of Care Council who presented a brief summary report of the proposal that would be in the City and County HUD Supportive Housing Application for this year. The summary also represented the total dollar amount for HUD Funds being requested and the duration of the projects. Patricia said that the majority of applicants were renewals but that each consortium had a new permanent supportive housing project listed first. Patricia asked the board for endorsement of the two applications, one from the City and one from County Consortium areas. A motion for a letter of endorsement was approved.
- C. John Thelen stated HUD is putting emphasis on chronic homelessness this year. A chronic homeless survey was conducted and once all the information is compiled a report will be given to the Board. He said handout were available on Chronic Homelessness, Affordable Housing and the Illegal Lodging and Citations/Arrest Report.

4. Action Items

- A. Vic Kops spoke on Rosemary Johnston's request for a letter of support for the City of San Diego Affordable Housing Task Force recommendations. Vic suggested that the Board members review the Affordable Housing Task Force recommendations for discussion at the July Board meeting. He said this would give everyone a chance to review the series of recommendations and would provide an opportunity for discussion on what the board wants to support or if they wish remain neutral on certain areas.
- B. Hannah Cohen spoke about a sample letter regarding funds for permanent supportive housing services. Matthew Doherty of the Corporation for Supportive Housing provided this sample letter. Hannah and Matthew were requesting the support of the Board for this issue. She reported on the Federal Governments main goals for permanent supportive housing over the next 10 years. She spoke on how the services and housing are needed now. A motion for a letter of support for increased funds for permanent supportive services was approved.
- C. Vic gave a brief summary on prospective new RTFH Board members Susan Baer (SDSU) and Chris Reeve (Assemblymember Christine Kehoe). He outlined their qualifications and their interest to fill vacancies on the RTFH Board. He stated that the membership committee has already approved these new members but the Board needed to do the same. A motion was made and approved to accept Susan and Chris as new RTFH Board members. An updated roster will be generated to reflect the changes. Also per a request by Davis Allsbrook an update on the RTFH Budget will be presented at the next Board meeting.

5. Information Items

- A. Rebecca Davis reported there was no Housing Task Force meeting in June. She said that the regions housing elements would now be due one year after first stated.

- B. Sister RayMonda DuVall reported the Winter Shelter Voucher Program closed on May 31, 2003 and they are currently putting the data together to present a Final Report in September.
- C. Deborah Lester provided a written draft report “Snapshot” on the Regional Task Force Homeless HIS. This report was taken from a selection of clients currently in the RTFH HIS and reported only a few data elements. This information is not intended as an all-inclusive report but more of a brief example of clients in the system for funders recognition.
- D. Regional Reports: Sharon Johnson reported the feeding program at 13th and Broadway would be closing on June 30th. She also said that the Senior Homeless Coalition was continuing to meet, as was the Downtown Redevelopment Homeless Advisory Committee. She added that both of these groups had met their original goals.
- E. Announcements

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2002-03 Attendance Roster

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19-Jul	20-Sep	25-Oct	22-Nov	17-Jan	21-Feb	21-Mar	25-Apr	23-May	20-Jun	
										David Allsbrook
										Judith Atwood
										Eunice Bauman
										Bo Bennett
										Susan Baldwin/M. McLaughlin-R. Davis
										Steve Binder
										Jack Blevins
										Mary Case
										Sue Christopher
										Marilyn Cornell
										Dolores Diaz
										Scott Dreher
										Sister RayMonda DuVall
										Shari Finney
										Debra Fischle-Faulk
										Piedad Garcia/Tony Potter
										Stephanie Gioia
										Kathi Houck
										Jonathan Hunter/Matthew Doherty
										Dorothy Johnson
										Sharon Johnson
										Rosemary Johnston/Joe Zilvinskis
										James Justus
										Victor Kops, Ph.D.
										Dennis Martinek, Ph.D.
										Charlotte McCardle/Ron Roberts
										Chris Megison/Hannah Cohen
										John Oldenkamp
										Margery Pierce
										David Siegler
										Jan Stankus
										Yolanda Valdez
										Jerry Van Leeuwen
										David Vincent
										Anne B. Wilson

 Absent

 Present

 Prior to Joining Board

Guest: Shari Dogbo-Senior Community Centers

Guest: Terry-SD Reach

Guest: Patti Hamic-Christensen-Community Housing Works

Guest: Greg Todd-Fox 6

(Guest Name & Agency)